

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/509,063

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 5/25/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-16 and 18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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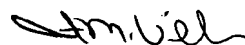
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Carl Thomsen on 8/07/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8, lines 1-18, the claim text is entirely deleted and replaced with --- A makeup mirror unit in combination with a wash and makeup stand comprising:

a cabinet body installed in the upper portion of the wash and makeup stand;

a left sub mirror provided to substantially cover an outer left portion of a front surface of said cabinet body;

a main mirror is provided to substantially cover a central portion of the front surface of said cabinet body;

a right sub mirror provided to substantially cover an outer right portion of the front surface of said cabinet body;

a left frame having a left side pivotally fixed to an outer left edge of the left sub mirror and having a right side pivotally fixed with a limited rotation angle to a portion of the cabinet adjacent to the main mirror so that the left frame and the left sub mirror are

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able to freely rotate in a horizontal direction providing a fully open state when said left sub mirror is facing outwardly in the front center portion of the main mirror;

a right frame having a left side pivotally fixed to an outer right edge of the right sub mirror and having a right side pivotally fixed with a limited rotation angle to a portion of the cabinet adjacent to the main mirror so that the right frame and the right sub mirror are able to freely rotate in a horizontal direction providing a fully open state when said right sub mirror is facing outwardly in the front center portion of the main mirror;

a left coupling member provided on an inner right edge of the left sub mirror;

a right coupling member provided on an inner left edge of the right sub mirror;

wherein when both sub mirrors are in the fully open state, said coupling members are connected together providing a mirrored surface spaced in front of the main mirror, and

wherein the limited rotation angle of the frames prevents the sub mirrors from rotating toward the main mirror, thereby preventing a back surface of the sub mirrors from contacting the main mirror.---

Claim 9, lines 1-20, the claim text is entirely deleted and replaced with---- A makeup mirror unit comprising:

a cabinet body;

a left sub mirror provided to substantially cover an outer left portion of the front surface of said cabinet body;

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a main mirror provided to substantially cover a central portion of the front surface of said cabinet body;

a right sub mirror provided to substantially cover an outer right portion of the front surface of said cabinet body;

a left frame having a left side pivotally fixed to an outer left edge of the left sub mirror and having a right side pivotally fixed with a limited rotation angle to a portion of the cabinet adjacent to the main mirror so that the left frame and the left sub mirror are able to freely rotate in a horizontal direction providing a fully open state when said left sub mirror is facing outwardly in a front center portion of the main mirror;

a right frame having a left side pivotally fixed to an outer right edge of the right sub mirror and having a right side pivotally fixed with a limited rotation angle to a portion of the cabinet adjacent to the main mirror so that the right frame and the right sub mirror are able to freely rotate in the horizontal direction providing a fully open state when said right sub mirror is facing outwardly in a front center portion of the main mirror;

a left coupling member provided on an inner right edge of the left sub mirror;

a right coupling member provided on an inner left edge of the right sub mirror;

wherein when both sub mirrors are in the fully open state, said coupling members are connected together providing a mirrored surface spaced in front of the main mirror, and

wherein the limited rotation angle of the frames prevents the sub mirrors from rotating toward the main mirror, thereby preventing a back surface of the sub mirrors from contacting the main mirror.---

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 8 and claim 9 recite a makeup mirror unit with a main mirror, two sub mirrors and frames and now include the limitation of the sub mirrors having coupling members to connect together in a location in front of the main mirror, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest this feature.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

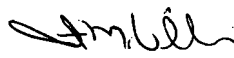
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy M. Ayres whose telephone number is (571) 272-8299. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-THU 8:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (571) 272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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